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SUBJ: SPANISH INCIDENTS AT ILO CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY. SPEECH BY SPANISH LABOR MINISTER, AND INCIDENTS IN GENEVA INVOLVING ABORTED PRESS CONFERENCE OF SPANISH CLANDESTINE LABOR GROUPS FOLLOWING UPON ALLEGED GRANTING OF OFFICIAL OBSERVER STATUS THESE GROUPS, HAVE PROVIDED PRINCIPLE FOCUS TO DATE FOR SPANISH AT ILO. END SUMMARY.

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2. ON JUNE 11, SPANISH LABOR MINISTER DE LA FUENTE WENT TO GENEVA AND GAVE SPEECH AT ILO CONFERENCE FOLLOWING TRADITION OF RECENT YEARS. DE LA FUENTE'S SPEECH DEALT PRINCIPALLY WITH TECHNICAL SUBJECTS AND WAS DESIGNED TO FAVORABLY PUBLICIZE GOS LABOR AND SOCIAL POLICY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. IT ALSO PROVIDED GOOD OPPORTUNITY

FOR LABOR MINISTER SEEK MORE POLITICAL MILEAGE WITH SPANISH PUBLIC BACK HOME. ONLY SLIGHTLY POLEMIC STATEMENT BY LABOR MINISTER WAS THAT EVERY MEMBER OF ILO MUST RESPECT EVERY OTHER ILO COUNTRY AND ITS REPRE-

SENTATIVES, POINTEDLY REJECTING INTERVENTION BY "OUTSIDE" INFLUENCES".

3. "OUTSIDE INFLUENCES" APPARENTLY REFERS TO JUNE 7 INCIDENTS AT ILO CONFERENCE INVOLVING SPANISH CLANDESTINE LABOR GROUPS. REPORTEDLY, SEVERAL SPANISH CLANDESTINE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ANNOUNCED A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT DATE UPON OCCASION THEIR "ACCEPTANCE AS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES SPANISH WORKERS AT ILO CONFERENCE." WHEN PRESS CONFERENCE INSIDE ILO PREMISES WAS TO COMMENCE, ILO PERSONNEL REQUESTED PRESS CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS TO LEAVE ILO PREMISES ON GROUNDS THAT ILO HAD NOT GRANTED AUTHORIZATION FOR SUCH PRESS CONFERENCE. AT THIS POINT PARTICIPANTS REPORTEDLY ADJOURNED TO NEARBY GARDEN OF PALAIS DES NATIONS WHERE THEY COMMENCED PRESS CONFERENCE. SPANISH SOCIALIST UGT'S ILO REPRESENTATIVE, MIGUEL SANCHEZ MAZAS, ACCORDING PRESS, GAVE SPEECH IN NAME OF HIS OWN AND OTHER CLANDESTINE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT, UPON WHICH OFFICIAL SPANISH WORKER DELEGATE TO CONFERENCE CAME UPON SCENE AND OPENLY ATTEMPTED REBUT SPEAKER, COMMENCING HEATED ARGUMENT. AT THIS POINT, UN SECURITY GUARDS REPORTEDLY INTERVENED AND ABRUPTLY TERMINATED INCIDENT.

4. REPORTS ALSO INDICATE THAT ON JUNE 6 OBSERVERS FROM SPANISH CLANDESTINE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO ILO AS OBSERVERS FOLLOWING WHICH OFFICIAL SPANISH DELEGATION LODGED DOUBLE PROTEST TO ILO, I.E., BY SPANISH GOVERNMENT DELEGATE AND BY SPANISH WORKER DELEGATE (LATTER REPRESENTS GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED SPANISH SYNDICAL ORGANIZATION). PROTESTS WERE AGAINST PRESENCE REPRESENTATIVES CLANDESTINE AND ILLEGAL SPANISH ORGANIZATIONS AT ILO AND THEIR HAVING BEEN ADMITTED TO ILO CONFERENCE IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY.

5. INCIDENTS HAVE REVOLVED AROUND PRESENCE IN GENEVA REPRESENTATIVES
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TATIVES CLANDESTINE COMMUNIST WORKERS COMMISSIONS, SOCIALIST UGT, AND BASQUE CHRISTIAN STV. UGT REPRESENTATIVE IS MIGUEL SANCHEZ MAZAS, AND WORKERS COMMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE IS COMMUNIST CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER CARLOS ELVIRA GONZALEZ. UGT SOURCE TOLD LABATT REPRESENTATIVES THESE THREE GROUPS WERE, AS EXPECTED (SEE REFTEL), GRANTED OFFICIAL OBSERVER STATUS, APPARENTLY AS MEMBERS DELEGATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION BODIES, I.E. WORKERS COMMISSIONS ON WFTU DELEGATION, UGT ON ICFTU DELEGATION, AND STV ON WCL DELEGATION. VERIOUS SOURCES

ATTRIBUTE UNEXPECTED ATTEMPT THESE GROUPS CONVOKE PRESS CONFERENCE
AS EFFORT CALL PUBLIC ATTENTION ALLEGED LABOR REPRESSION IN SPAIN,
PARTICULARLY SINCE ABSENCE ANY FORMAL RESOLUTIONS AGAINST GOS AT
ILO CONFERENCE THIS YEAR HAS KEPT ATTENTION OFF SPAIN.

6. IT ALSO REPORTED THAT STREET MANIFESTATIONS ORGANIZED BY SPANISH
COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE) AND OTHER ELEMENTS (SEE REFTTEL) NOW SCHEDULED
TO TAKE PLACE GENEVA JUNE 23. ON THAT DATE OVER 10,000 SPANISH
EMIGRANT WORKERS AND OTHER ANTI-GOS ELEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TURN
OUT TO HEAR NONE OTHER THAN AOLORES IBARRUGRI, "LA PASIONARIA" OF
CIVIL WAR FAME* WOSALSO IS PRESIDENT OF PCE.

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